

21 June 1983

Mr. Paul Taborn, Archivist
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 Alexandria, VA 22331

Dear Mr. Taborn:

The enclosed letter from Dr. William Z. Slany, The Historian, Department of State, requests that we authorize the following six historians from his office and their research assistant to have access to certain CIA-originated documents held by the Department of the Army:

Charles S. Sampson	Ronald D. Landa
(team chief)	David W. Mabon
David M. Baehler	Louis J. Smith
Edward C. Keefer	Suzanne E. Coffman (archivist and research assistant)

We understand that these members of Dr. Slany's staff will be carrying out research on the Vietnam War, in MACV records you maintain, for the Department of State's Foreign Relations of the United States series.

Having verified Top Secret clearances for the seven researchers named above, we are glad to authorize them access to all CIA material at the level of their clearances or lower that is pertinent to the subject area of their research.

We shall also enclose a copy of our "CIA Access Policy concerning Presidential Libraries (rev. 12 July 1977)." As my assistant, [] explained in her call to you today, we would be grateful if you would use these instructions as a guide for your office's procedures in handling these CIA-originated documents. As indicated in paragraphs three and four of this policy statement, the researchers named above are free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Department of the Army collects and sends these notes and copies to this office, so that we can arrange for appropriate review to determine whether CIA can release this material for their use. We shall notify you of this Agency's decisions with respect to all documents and notes reviewed.

We are forwarding a copy of this authorization to Dr. Slany at the Department of State.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

J. Kenneth McDonald
 Chief Historian

Enclosures